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From Inside Indiana's S.H.U. Control Unit Political Prisoner Voice of Bro. Khalfani Malik Khaldun

An Exclusive Interview
(By Benjamin Garry of Cohort Media)

This interview will serve the purpose of exposing the issue of unnoticeable political prisoners and prisoners of war who are in the shadows or are unsupported by the international community, as well as focusing on an upcoming project on the agenda of Cohort Media highlighting U.S. political prisoners as a whole, while focusing on the case of Khalfani Malik Khaldun and his prison struggles and other meaningful work he's involved in. May you enjoy this whole interview (Aluta Continua). The struggle continues on all fronts.

Cohort Media: Hello, Brother Khalfani Malik Khaldun. Please let us know who you are and where you're from.

Khalfani Malik Khaldun: Greetings back at you, Benjamin Garry. For the record, I am a New Afrikan (Black) male, age 35, 5'10" tall, brown skinned. I'm from the city of Gary in the state of Indiana. This is a city that has always been 89 percent New Afrikan (Black). Also, a city overwhelmed by crime and poverty that has ultimately led to a triple influx of Black on Black community violence.

C.M.: How did you end up in prison and how did it affect your family?

K.M.K.: Well, as a young, unskilled, basically educated man with meaningful employment, I immediately became a product of the Gary drug economy. Also, I was involved in an assortment of other petty hustles. This environment brings along with it a lot of pitfalls. In my hest to obtain money to maintain a comfortable existence, I found myself in jail. The proceedings resulted in me receiving a 25-year sentence, requiring me to complete 12 1/2 years. Coming to prison prevented me from growing up with my children and being able to enjoy my family. Since coming to prison, I suffered the loss of two brothers to murders. Then, my mom lost her battle with cancer. They all died in 1997. This was a tremendous loss.

C.M.: How has your continued confinement impacted your loved ones?

K.M.K.: I've been in prison now for close to eighteen years. Being so isolated and being sent from prison to prison tends to destabilize long lasting family and friendship ties. Once we're gone for so long, people become comfortable with the fact of knowing where we are. Out of sight quickly becomes out of mind. My not being there when our multiple tragedies occurred - they became so easily fragmented. I've missed them terribly.

C.M.: Were you engaged in political activity before you came to prison?

K.M.K.: No. Conditions inside compelled my humanity and political transformation to occur. Nobody experienced such changes overnight. The overt and covert low and high intensity warfare which permeated the Indiana Prison Plantations caused me to abandon my kolonial kriminal mentality in exchange for a progressively transforming, aspiring revolutionary nationalist mentality. Being aware of a condition doesn't make you conscious enough to effectively change it. But, once you develop revolutionary consciousness, it empowers you and obligates you to act. My actions in the form of revolutionary morality pushed me to share and agitate, educate, and distribute political materials. Our work and efforts landed us in the way of racist attacks by prison guards on our lives, being sanctioned to control units for many years, but the end result was a prison movement emerged. Our efforts changed reactionaries into new men, others firebrand revolutionaries. So, in my eyes, the sacrifices had to be made and it was worth it then and it's worth it now.

C.M.: Khalfani, describe some specific events which caused collective consciousness to occur around you.

K.M.K.: Specifically with each attack, no matter what it was. Harassment, physical abuse of prisoners by racist, robotic guards, frame ups, trumped up conduct reports in retaliation for the organizing going on. Rebellion became a form of solidarity, once the anger was organized and channeled into collective unity. Collective struggle builds a well deserved collective consciousness. This is how my political development began on the frontlines of the prison struggle inside several of Indiana's prisons. Most prisoners who transform in prison did it or had it occur while in isolation. There have been some riots due to very disrespectful prison guards.

C.M.: Khalfani, please explain your political line and the movement concepts you advocate?

K.M.K.: My political line is that of the Provisional Government for the Republic of New Afrika. I'm a citizen of the Republic of New Afrika, a nationalist body politic which calls for the establishment of a five black belt nation state established in the south. This line promotes the concept and national identity of all black people wherever we are. Constitute a new nation inside these northern shores of Amerika. We advocate the Afrikan Amerikan title be abandoned and a more corrected term be incorporated - one which effectively identifies a nation. We are New Afrikans colonized in Amerika, promoting land, self-determination, and independence. The provisional government is currently suffering many setbacks. So, before we can speak



sentence. My petition raises four issues. I recently filed for a motion to leave to amend the petition to add another issue that I left out by mistake. These are my issues raised:

- A) The court committed reversible error in denying the defendant-petitioners motion for mistrial based on a discovery violation by the state.
- B) The court committed reversible error in allowing into evidence the state's final instruction number (4) and number (5).
- C) The court committed reversible error in allowing state's exhibit (15) into evidence, which was a knife not connected to the case.
- D) The Indiana Supreme Court committed error in not discharging me after they knew my right to a fast and speedy trial was violated by 1,531 days without a trial.

I'm forced to go at all of this without representation. My trial attorney really got a lot of money for nothing. Then, he dropped out of sight. So, I am rushing to find competent representation to help me fight this and my post conviction relief. The battle rages on.

C.M.: Khalfani, what else would you like to share with us out here and how can we be of assistance to you and your continued struggle until you are liberated?

K.M.K.: Firstly, I would like to request that more New Afrikan (Black) families, churches, sistas, and brothers get involved in the struggles of their loved ones inside these Prison Plantations who are suffering the psychological and physical attacks on their overall survival by their prison oppressors. Join a local group in your immediate area that is committed to doing prison advocacy work. You will become educated in ways to be of assistance to your sons and daughters, husbands, wives, nieces, nephews, and cousins. In light of the newly released Amerikkkan Patriot Act, anyone of us in prison, or in society, can become a victim of the plots and plans to rid the world of so-called terrorists. We must all do more to restore collective respect and uplift and rebuild the New Afrikan (Black) communities in which we all come from. We must confront and destroy all forms of sexism in how New Afrikan men consciously and unconsciously deal with our precious New Afrikan women, and all women in general. Women are our light bringers and life givers. To betray this to betray ourselves. Real me don't victimize women. They protect them, aid them and learn from them.

I'm trying my hardest to establish a consistent force to forge me closer to my liberation. But, a lot of people have used my case and political activism and relation to themselves for opportunistic reasons. But, this hasn't prevented me from continuing to network in an attempt to build more principled relationships of support. There are so many people in prison who are worthy of support. So, I will just say, I am looking for a select group of people who don't mind setting one day out of a week to help me fight for my freedom. I need some one who can type up releases about my case and distribute leaflets to specified destinations and areas of the world, primarily by e-mailing, of course. Someone who's ambitious enough to help me solicit political attorney representation by calling various designated firm offices. Someone who knows the art of creative fundraising, which is key when attempting to retain legal representation. Someone who can make trips up to this prison from time to time to visit me. Someone who can send in letters and cards to help me stay rooted in the reality of freedom. I'm not shy, so I welcome men, women, and students, who are sincerely humanitarians by community commitment, to join me in this fight. This will mean a lot to me. Your help is severely needed. Anyone who may read this, if you're in contact with any Indiana criminal law students, please encourage them to contact me.

I leave you with the words of Brother Haki Madhubuti called "Your Brothers":

You will recognize your brothers by the way they act and move throughout this world. There will be a strange force about them, there will be unspoken answers in them. This will be obvious, not only to you, but to many, the confidence they have in their quiet sanity. The way they relate to women will be clean, complimentary, responsible, and with honesty.

The way they relate to children will be strong and soft, full of positive direction. The way they relate to men will be that of questioning our position in this world. Will be one of working for their people, will be one of gaining and maintaining trust within the nation. These men at first will seem strange and unusual, but this won't be the case for too long.

They will train others and the discipline they display will become a way of life for many. They know that this is difficult, but this is the life that they have chosen for themselves, for us, and for life. They will be the examples. They will be the answers, they will be the first line builders, they will be the creators, they will be the first to give up the pleasures. They will be the first to share a black value system, they will be the workers, they will be the scholars. They will be the providers, they will be the historians, they will be the doctors, lawyers, farmers, priests, and all that is needed for development and growth. You will recognize these brothers and they will not betray you.

■ Haki Madhubuti

Thank you Benjamin Garry, a student at Amherst University, and the collective of Cohort Media Independent Group concerned for the political prisoners and prisoners of war in the United States Prisons. Anyone wanting to join me in my fight for freedom can do so by contacting me at the address below. Aluta Continua! (I answer all letters)

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feet of natural gas – one of the largest stashes of fossil fuel in the world. Another reason is to secure the oil in Iraq, also. This is the nature of the beast and the New Racist World Order.

C.M.: Khalfani, please explain to us why you say you're a nationalist with Pan-Afrikanist ideals?

K.M.K.: The concept of being an Afrikan Nationalist who advocates nationalism is the belief, of an oppressed people, that we ought to possess our own destinies through absolute control of our social, economic, and political resources and institutions of our own New Afrikan nation. Also, nationalism is, in part, loyalty and devotion to Afrikan people first in order for me to love and respect some one else, help and aid some one else. I'm of the belief that I must first love, respect, help, and aid myself and those who look like me first. Only then can I build and forge ties with other nations of people, because I am New Afrikan first. This is why I am an Afrikan Nationalist. Why do I also have Pan-Afrikanist ideals? Because I believe that once New Afrikan people in this country collectively unify themselves and strengthen our economic base, we can then build necessary bridges internationally with New Afrikan people all around the world. The ideals and Pan-Afrikanism is that New Afrikan people, no matter where they may be living, are brothers and sistas. One body, one family, one people. This is why I love it. Without a national identity, you are easily erased. We are a New Afrikan people. A constituted nation.

C.M.: Khalfani, do you have supporters on the streets who are trying to help you obtain your freedom?

K.M.K.: Well, yes, I've managed to build a few principled comradeships in society with a number of individuals, who, on their free occasions, aid me in typing up newsletter releases for distribution, exposing my current status inside Indiana's prison plantations, and the current struggles I'm involved in to liberate myself from prison. Over the years, nearly ten years now, many supporters, for one reason or another, lost hope, became overly exhausted by the lengthy process, and slowly just faded away. So, I am constantly building bridges to restabilize my political base of operations, while at the same time, just staying on my path and pushing straight ahead. Things are progressing. I had a local support base here in Indiana for about six years from three of the universities in Indiana. Anyone willing to aid my fight for freedom can do so by simply writing to me personally, introducing yourself and explaining how you can help.

C.M.: Khalfani, please let us know how long you've been at this Control Unit. Why were you sent to this place anyway?

K.M.K.: In 2001, I was being housed at a prison here called the Pendleton Correctional Facility on a restricted unit for administrated segregated prisoners restricted from the general population. Due to reconstruction, me and about 32 prisoners were moved to be housed for the completion of construction at a prison called "Super Max". We stayed there from January 16, 2001 until they transferred me out to this S.H.U. unit in the most racist region of Indiana (Southern Indiana Klan Town). We were organizing the men to prepare a 1983 class action law suit against the Indiana Department of Corrections for poor conditions. They sent me to this S.H.U. unit to kill me from the inside, to destroy my spirit, destroy my relationships with my family and companions, and cut me off from other prisoners I have a certain degree of influence over. On this unit, I have no physical contact with anyone. I'm escorted in handcuffs / shackles everywhere I go. I'm subjected to no contact visitation with my family, children, and my lady friend. I'm subjected to having only one twenty minute phone call every seven days. The unit officers who are overtly racist and anti-revolutionary handle all of my incoming correspondences. They are giving other prisoners my mail, because this is a highly controlled reactionary environment that they exploit all the time. Also, I believe they sent me this far away from my supporters hoping that I would go crazy.

C.M.: How long have you been considered an Administratively Segregated prisoner? What is A/S anyway?

K.M.K.: I've been subjected to this determination consistently now since 1989. Administrative Segregation status is a "hideaway" the prison classificationist and superintendents use to isolate prisoners they perceive and believe are security threats. But, what must be understood now is this: They are using it on certain units as arbitrary punishment for political prisoners, revolutionaries, and freedom fighters whom they have a hard time controlling. So, they place us on these units and use it as a weapon that says, "Now you will be under restrictive control." The unit I am on has a big camera which is focused on my cell at all times. This is a form of psychological warfare. Super Max control units and S.H.U. styled units are used as experimentation centers for testing of high and low intensity warfare on primarily active revolutionary prisoners. While the murder conviction stands against me, the Indiana Department of Correction / Corruptions can justify keeping me on long term Administrative Segregation. They really want to see me destroyed mentally, and physically defeated. Sorry evil ones, it won't happen.

C.M.: Khalfani, give us a place where your writings can be obtained from or a website to log on to.

K.M.K.: There are several websites that host a lot of my writings. Here are some for anyone who wants to become more familiar with my writings. (www.prisonactivist.org/khalfani, www.prisonwritings.com, <http://home4inet.tele.dk/lepan/indiana/KXKinfo.htm>) A complete breakdown of my murder case (*The Trial of Khalfani Malik Khaldun*) sells for \$1.00 They can be obtained from South Side Chicago ABC Zine Distro, PO Box 721, Homewood IL 60430. Check must be made out to A. Rayson. I'm preparing several new writings for publication. The pamphlet on the trial is very important and informative.

C.M.: Khalfani, please tell us what the current status of your case in the legal court arena is. Do you have credible representation?

K.M.K.: On the state level, my appeals were denied. So, I filed a pro-se petition for federal writ of habeas corpus on December 3, 2002, seeking relief from the murder conviction which occurred on March 31, 2001 and resulted in a sixty year

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of aiding and assisting other peoples who are also oppressed, dominated, and controlled, we must first help our own people help themselves by any means necessary. Then, we can reach out to others.

C.M.: Khalfani, please explain to us why you are a political prisoner in the United States of Amerika?

K.M.K.: Comrade, inside these prisons our reality is constantly in a state of chaos, with Amerika's prisons being a microcosm of the larger society. We must begin to understand that laws in society affect us in here, also. When conscious prisoners identify ourselves with revolutionary formations and begin to recruit and educate men, conforming these men to movement politics, these men become targets of prison investigators and state police. This constitutes the political nature of such struggles. When our release dates are altered or taken away from us, it's political. When our revolutionary associates come under harassment for producing our political writings, it's political. Then, we are sent to the basements of these prisons – it's political. Phone calls recorded and incoming mail destroyed, confiscated, or censored, believe me it's political. My work has made me a constant target for many forms of abuse. My deep devotion and commitment to struggle constitute my political identity. This is why I am an Indiana political prisoner inside the U.S.

C.M.: Khalfani, what other groups have you been connected to or see as legitimate?

K.M.K.: The New Afrikan Independence Movement, The New Black Panthers, Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, New Afrikan Peoples Organization, some branches of North Amerikan Groups Anarchist Black Cross, New Afrikan Liberation Front.

C.M.: Khalfani, explain the gist of the prison murder charge where the guard was stabbed and killed.

K.M.K.: In an area where I was housed on December 13th 1994, inside the Indiana State Prison where most of my political activity was being conducted, a prison guard was basically stabbed two times, once in the heart and once in the upper neck by the right ear. This area was called the Predator Unit, because so many prisoners were housed here for alleged disruptions throughout the prison. Prison guards were being challenged for their actions and attitudes towards the many prisoners inside D-Cell House.

The prison investigators were quick to isolate me as the possible target for such a "hit" to occur, due to the work and role I played in exposing, along with my educating the young, strong black rebellious prisoners. They secured the cell complex and rounded up me and a comrade. Unsuccessful in their investigations, the investigators, internal affairs, and state police told me they were charging me for the murder, even if I was not connected to it, calling me an agitator of revolutionary justice. They transferred me to another facility called "Supermax", a control unit to later follow up on their threat to charge me in this case.

In January 1995, the state police served me a murder warrant. A series of violations by the Indiana Department of Corruptions occurred during this time while awaiting court appearances. Supermax Medical Staff maliciously obtained a sample of my blood, claiming to have court orders to do so, which was later exposed to be a lie. Then, a handcuff key was planted in my cell after a shake down search of my property, which I was also able to expose by my attorney working the case. From 1995 until 2001, I suffered many attacks on my liberty, losing three loved ones, and finally had a trial date set.

The trial lasted seven days and had an all white jury. The state called a host of Indiana Department of Corrections guards and a lot of DNA experts. The state presented a "no-eye" witness circumstantial evidence case and was able to manipulate an all white jury to convict this revolutionary prisoner.

My defense was "alibi defense" because I was at my cell when several guys came up saying a pig just got hit. So these were my best alibi witnesses. I called three revolutionary Islamic prisoners to a test where I was when the stabbing occurred. Prosecutors went to trying to discredit them. After seven days, the trial ended in a conviction with a mountain of reasonable doubts, contaminated DNA results, and manufactured evidence. One month later, I was sentenced to a fresh 60 years for a crime I never committed and wised myself back into the Indiana Department of Corruptions. Both levels of my appeals, from the Indiana Appeals Court and the Indiana Supreme Court affirmed my conviction from the trial court. Now, I am currently in the United States District Court (federal). If all goes well, they can discharge me from the lower courts failure to do so. All the time I am doing now is the time imposed due to the murder conviction (60 years, to serve 30).

C.M.: Khalfani, please give us an indication of the things you do daily to maintain your inner peace, spiritual balance, and remain sane and self-determined.

K.M.K.: Comrade, it's truly a struggle just to get up every morning around these slave plantations. Also, a lot of my work has become so isolated to small environments because they think I am better controlled under camera watch and isolated to a cell for 23 hours a day. But, to answer your question, I begin each day with my first of five obligatory prayers to the creator (Allah) [All Praise Be Unto Him] for my guidance and my strength. Then, I clean up the cell / bed. At the time of this interview, I am on a Eid Fast for 30 days. My days are spent in political studies, 3 1/2 hour work outs, political debates, assisting others in allowing them to read and access my political library, encouraging others on how to expose and file complaints about the deplorable conditions of the prisons I've been in. I'm not as strong as I'd like to be in the legal arena as most. But, I have the basic requirements fundamentally internalized. Due to battling my own legal case, I help others in this field, also. Staying strong / healthy is pre-requisite to coming out of these plantations whole men and not shattered, broken men. Exercise helps me in so many ways. The enemy who seeks to break me mentally would rejoice in the misfortune of my going crazy or my coming unglued. My way of feeling free is staying in tune with the outside. These relationships, political and spiritual, as well as those intimate communications with my Queen and the children. All of these outlets, along with some music and some television help me to balance out unwanted stress, high blood pressure, and my anger about this new charge, while simply trying to be the example of a New Afrikan revolutionary and practitioner of the Islamic way of life.

C.M.: Khalfani, what's your thoughts on the politics of prison and the exploitative and oppressive nature of the S.H.U. and Supermax control units?

K.M.K.: The politics behind the prison and control unit boom continues to be economics. U.S. prisons, federal and state, are real hot beds of human and civil rights violations. Currently, the Bush administration is intentionally sinking the Amerikan economy into a permanent downhill which allows Congress and State Legislators to push for laws to be passed to build more prisons for greater economic growth, while allowing the rich to invest their unlimited resources in the steadily rising boom of private prisons. It's been said that a hundred years ago private prisons were a familiar feature of Amerikan life, with disastrous consequences. As they are today, prisoners were used like cattle for the implementation of slave labor. Large budget deficits for the federal and state governments and the unlimited "raw resources" prisoners have paved the way for the rich to use U.S. prisons – private, state, and federal, to exploit and expand their capitalistic purse strings.

This control unit and secured housing boom is another form of "illegal servitude" by some psychopathic, sickly minded racist who wants to destroy a prisoner's will the resist and challenge prison injustices. They need warm bodies to fill up beds, so they capitalize two ways, controlling the movement of influential prison revolutionary elements from organizing prisoners. They get money for housing us. There are a number of reasons that they put us in control units. My situation, for instance. The Indiana Department of Corruptions have kept me in isolation for the past 14 years of my 17 years in prison. They want to break me down. They want to disconnect my outside support from me. They want to destroy all of my emotional ties, placing me on non-contact visitation status. I'm currently being held inside Indiana S.H.U. Unit after being transferred here on January 30, 2003 from another control unit. This is punishment from the Indiana Department of Corruptions, isolating me to no physical contact with anyone, including my family, subjecting me to one twenty minute phone call every seven days. I'm currently 4 ½ hours away from family and supporters who always show their love by visiting and checking up on their most loved one. The officials who run this unit are responsible for the murder of five prisoners by beatings. This is a 99 percent all white employed facility where racism and nepotism runs amok. They seem to feel above the laws of correction, but they are sadly mistaken. If I have anything to do with it, they're going to be exposed.

C.M.: Khalfani, can you describe for us the impact of revolutionary materials being available to prisoners educationally and otherwise?

K.M.K.: I'm a product of being exposed to such materials. Having come in early in my youth, I obtained my education inside prison walls. I'm of the opinion that no one wants to be seen as being uneducated or dumb. The education of any man in prison begins when he stops denying that he doesn't know a certain thing. Having a lot of free time on my hands, I started soaking up all information from every positive outlet I had access to. The more I learned and came to know, the more I wanted to know. This is the process occurring inside these control units. Inside the prisons, a lot of guys are easily distracted. The influences of consciously educated, revolutionary brothers creates atmospheres that help to cultivate and motivate many to educational activity. Like I was, these youngsters are coming into their own early. They are embracing the ideals of revolutionary morality, which encourages them to confront their reactionary pasts. They are willing and ready to test the ideals of their new found "consciousness" with vigor and self-determination. Such a new education and mindset creates a humanity compelling men to be responsible, to be respectable to black women and all women alike, and to be fathers and responsible examples for our children. Prisons are revolutionary universities for those of us who are seeking the maximum use of our 23 hours a day caged in these plantations.

C.M.: Khalfani, what are some of the books and materials you read and claim as tools which advanced your consciousness?

K.M.K.: To be truthful, I advocate a school of thought concentrates on *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* and all his related books, Marcus Garvey books and related materials, *Blood In My Eye* by Comrade George Jackson and all his related materials, Black Panther related books, prison industrial complex related books, New Afrikan Independence Movement related books, books related to Dialectical Materialism and Marxism, books on the Islamic faith. Books on the art of war, books on the practice of Yoga, and several books on urban guerrilla warfare.

C.M.: Khalfani, how do you feel about other political prisoners and prisoners of war in U.S. Prisons all across this country?

K.M.K.: First off, let me say that the American criminal justice system is broken. These men and women were our righteous defenders who gave this barbaric white supremacist government its direct challenge. For such challenges, the enemies of freedom, justice, and equality captured and arrested our freedom fighters on a host of trumped up charges. Now, they have spent unwarranted decades isolated inside the many slave plantations all across this country. They were our examples of true valor then, and to this day they continue to set the trend and example of revolutionary morality while having to suffer at the hands of repressive state or federal robot prison pigs who simply despise them for being outspoken or influential over their environments.

The victims of the J. Edgar Hoover Counter-Intelligence Program, instead of being identified as U.S. political prisoners or prisoners of war as mandated by international law, are seen by this racist government as common criminals. I've personally been in rotation with many of them, so I take this time to thank these men who have helped me develop my political ideology and to overstand the New Afrikan concept. Respects – Bro. Russell Maroon Shoatz, Richard Mafundi Lake, Herman Bell, Sundiata Acoli, Dr. Mutulu Shakur, Bro. Jalil Muntaquim, Abdul O. Shakur, Ali Khalid Abdullah, and a host of so many others. You're very much appreciated. Revolutionary love and respect to you all (Aluta Continua).

C.M.: Khalfani, have you had any prison writings of yours published?

K.M.K.: Yes, my first prison writing in the early stages of my political transformation was called *Behind The Iron Curtain*. This got published in a local newsletter of the Indiana Prison Movement called *Political Prisoners Held Hostage*. After being charged with the murder of the officer, I was motivated to become a more prolific writer. So, I started to write about the

barbarity of the death penalty, prison exploitation, racism, and a lot of current issues. I've published about ten pamphlets called *A Story That Must Be Told*, *A Story That Must Be Told Part II*, *I Cry Freedom*, *Survival Tips for the Ex-Prisoner*, *The Trial of Khalfani Malik Khaldun*, *The Epidemic of Control Unit Prisons*, *Political Transformations*, *Voices of Indiana Political Prisoners*, *One Foot on Death Row and Another On The Grave Yard*, *Prophecy Then and Its Prophecy Now*. I've written many essays. I'm currently working on my legal challenges in federal court. But, once I am clear, I will attempt to put all my projects together into a booklet entitled *Voices from Indiana S.H.U.*

C.M.: Khalfani, explain to us your feelings on the United States' continued use of the death penalty.

K.M.K.: Once again, I will say that the system is broken. Amerikkka's continued use of this form of government and state sanctioned murder systematically shows us who the real criminals and terrorists are. To sanction someone in this country to such a death is to commit an act of terrorism on these ones' families and the community. The disparities of the machines of death is clear to those of us who are conscious of its use. The death penalty is nothing but an act of reactionary, retaliatory revenge by this country's government and is encouraged by the victim's family, who out of personal emotion, seek revenge for their losses. The death penalty in all of its forms is wrong. Why? Because it has never stopped or deterred crime or violence in our society. The recent contradictions which lead to the recent shake up of the death penalty in Illinois is a primary reason it should be done away with. Governor George Ryan, moved by the spirit of justice and truth, said he, "will no longer tinker with the machinery of death." This is a blow to those who support the death penalty, while it was a push that many who oppose the death penalty really needed to fuel the movement. I am against the death penalty and I support all efforts to oppose it.

C.M.: Being charged with the murder of the Indiana prison guard, describe for us the threats and harassment you've received.

K.M.K.: Now that the state of Indiana and the Indiana Department of Corruptions officials have successfully gotten a conviction, they can sleep easy at night. They believe I am finished as far as my future and freedom is concerned. But, they are surely wrong there. My fight for liberation will never cease. They have attempted on many occasions to catch me up in a lot of things. I've been threatened by a lot of racist white guards who hate me because I am strong and black. The charge is their added bonus / reason to kick my name around. They fear what they don't understand and hate what they can't conquer. I may bend in some cases, but I will never give these people the benefit of watching me break. On April 28, 2003, one racist guard threatened to poison my "food tray" with arsenic because I refused to hand them an Islamic necklace which was approved. My refusal caused 10-15 S.H.U. officers to come search the cell. They tore up my cell, read letters, and confiscated 276 photographs of my loved ones and family. They are a band of white supremacist brothers who hate strong, influential, and intelligent black men.

C.M.: Khalfani, what do you feel about the call for reparations? Is the movement strong?

K.M.K.: Amerikkka is a rich and wealthy nation. This is because they have learned how to preserve and turn over that old slavery money. The administrators of this government are the inheritors of the evil and genocide of the reality of the trans-atlantic slave trade. They know this, this is why they refused to officially acknowledge Amerikkka's role in the slave trade during the World Conference of Racism. They are rich because of this connection. So, there is no question on whether or not Amerikkka owes every New Afrikan man, woman, and child their just due. Reparations is a real legitimate call. This government will never agree to a cash payment in reparations to New Afrikans in Amerikkka because they've never wanted New Afrikan people to be empowered or independent of this system. So, we as advocates for reparations use the call to stimulate, educate, agitate, and organize our people on and around our social, political, and economical existence in this country. It's not about actually getting paid. It's about building up a strong nation of people to challenge and defend their rights as a colonized nation in this oppressive empire. Yes, this is an ever growing movement and it is strong. This is the movement capable of creating a new spirit of revolution is the New Afrikan masses. Power to the Reparations Movement.

C.M.: Khalfani, how do you feel about the United States' policy with the middle east Islamic nations?

K.M.K.: The United States government is so overwhelmed by its arrogance and its power to superimpose its will upon many weaker nations. All of its policies are arbitrarily and systematically grounded in one-sided politics. They are currently demanding heads of states and weaker third world countries to adhere to a certain standard. But, they in turn fail to honor and follow these same standards. This is because this government is in violation of everything they champion themselves to be defending. Everytime a war takes place, Amerikkka sets up permanent residence is somebody else's country. What they have been doing in the middle east is a prime example of U.S. racist arrogance. They have violated the holy lands of the east for much too long. The wrath of Allah will teach these western powers and her coalitions of support a valuable lesson when they least expect it to occur. They didn't believe September 11th would ever happen, but it did. The Bush Administration was hungry to make a stand, so they launched their war with Afghanistan, plundered the country and killed many people, yet Osama bin Laden remains elusive and there is no order in that region still. George W. Bush, out of revenge for his father being targeted for death by the President of Iraq Saddam Hussein, and for control of that country's black gold, launched this new war against Iraq out of greed, arrogance, and white supremacy. They've killed countless civilians over there, but no weapons of mass destruction have been discovered, which is what George Bush claimed his mission was. An outright lie. If Saddam Hussein remains elusive, both Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein will become figures for struggle and revolution throughout the Islamic world. There are precedents for rallying the Amerikkkan government to the cause of fighting for oil under the guise of fighting for freedom. The September 11th attacks on Amerikkkan soil paved the way for George Bush to gain access to the biggest non-Arab oil reserves on the planet. This government estimates the reserves in the Caspian Sea region, locked away in the Soviet Empire for most of the 20th century, to hold 270 billion barrels of oil and 576 trillion cubic